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Title: Need to provide special package for backward districts in the country.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): Madam Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak in 'Zero Hour'. ...(*Interruptions*)

Through you, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government and also to the notice of the Members of this House about one of the provisions mentioned in the AP Reorganisation Act of 2014. Clause 46, sub-clause 3 states that the Central Government shall, while considering the special development package for the successor State of Andhra Pradesh, provide adequate incentives, in particular for Rayalaseema and north coastal region of that State.

Keeping this Clause in mind, the then Prime Minister, while passing the AP Reorganisation Bill, on the floor of Rajya Sabha made an assurance and he said, "the Bill already provides for a special development package for the backward regions of the successor State of Andhra Pradesh, in particular for the districts of Rayalaseema and north coastal Andhra Pradesh.

This developmental package will be on the lines of KBK – Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput – a Special Plan in Odisha and the Bundelkhand Special Package in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. If you see these two Packages, after they were announced, they have got thousands of crores of rupees from the Special Development Package from the Central Government.

For Andhra Pradesh, it has been two years since the State has been bifurcated. What we have been getting is a meagre Rs.50 crore per district, which is very low. If you consider the difference between the Packages, it clearly states that the Special Development Assistance would be similar to the ones given to the Bundelkhand Package. But it is nowhere close. The difference is as much as peanuts and pumpkins. Madam, with Rs.50 crore, we were not able to do anything. The seriousness of the issue, the Uttar Andhra, which comprises of Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, and Srikakulam, which is my district, is so backward that in 1972 also, on the very floor of this House, backwardness of these districts were discussed.

Madam, even today, out of the 13 districts of Andhra Pradesh, Srikakulam stands the lowest in terms of *per capita* income, in terms of the GDP; infant mortality rate is very high. Cultivate agricultural land in Uttar Andhra is 24 lakh hectares but we are able to irrigate only eight lakh hectares today. If the Central Government is not able to help us, there is no way our State is going to develop. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Please go to your seats. After completing the regular list, I will allow Shri Kharge. Not before that. This is not the way.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU : The previous Government, in an unjustified and unscientific manner, divided the State of Andhra Pradesh. They have dumped us into liabilities. They have stripped us of our finances. Any developmental activity that we wanted to do, we are not able to do today....(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: After completing the regular list, I will allow Shri Kharge. But not like this. I am sorry.

...(*Interruptions*)